

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



FROM THE TOP: It was a Smoking Hot Field Day!!!!!!!

**The July 15 Meeting will be in the
EOC Room at the Sonoma Police
Department on 1st Street West at
7:30 PM.**

I think we managed to hold field day on the hottest weekend of the year. Camp Via was beautiful as always, and no one passed out from heat stroke. We learned that when you pump the antenna launcher up to over 80 pounds, you can easily clear 150 foot trees. The limit is how much line is on the reel.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in spite of the heat and the BBQ/ Potluck was great thanks to Chef WD6BOR and the food everyone brought. I ate way too much. Nothing like W1EJ's famous cheese cake and coffee for breakfast!!

We made over 300 contacts, down slightly from last year, with no visible damage to the equipment

or personnel. The computer network worked and the logging program worked well. The digital modes did not work, until we got home and figured out that we had a setting wrong on the computer. This is about learning and we did. The logging program made it easy to submit the log and now we need to send in the supporting documents for the bonus points.

The ACS event in support of the 4th of July Parade in Sonoma was fun and cool. Quite a change from the week before. I wore a



Marty KI6RTP at Field Day with a solar panel.

sweatshirt all morning and the fog finally burned off around 11 AM. I would like to thank the Police Department for the BBQ for the volunteers after the event. I ate way too much again. I am beginning to notice a pattern here.

Mark your calendar for the weekend of August 7, 8 and 9. VOMARC is planning to activate the Point Reyes Lighthouse for the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society, International Lighthouse and Lightship Week. Check out the website at; <http://ialhp.org/>

We will be setting up a station at Point Reyes, the exact location is still to be determined, and operating in the event. Please stay tuned for more details.

Hope to hear you on the air and see you at the meeting.

Minutes June 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1940 by president Dave, KD6FIL.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved with no corrections.

The insurance bill was received at a cost of \$322.

ACS report The "Ht the Road Jack" event was discussed. There were some communication difficulties.

The 4th of July parade is an ACS event. See Eileen for sign up.

The upcoming VE sessions are Aug. 22 and Nov. 31.

The club ham class was discussed. There is a need for better advertisement. Will reschedule in the fall.

The special event station, N6P, will be activated on Aug. 1 - Aug. 9.

The various locations near Pt Reyes to operate were discussed.

The July meeting will be at the Sonoma PD Field day planning consumed the remainder of the meeting.

Submitted by Jim, K6UUW.

Does Your Club Have an Elmers List?

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

While looking up information for a recent hamfest, I found the club's website and began surfing around. In doing so, I came across their Elmer page (<http://www.mcrca.org/elmers.htm>). On it, they list a variety of topics with the name, call, and phone number of someone who can answer questions on that topic.

My club something similar once, but it was less than successful. I think that one of the problems was that we asked people to fill out a form on our website if they needed any help. That information was e-mailed to one guy, who then forwarded it to the appropriate Elmer. There was just too much time lag between the time someone asked for help and when they got it. Or, it may have been that filling out the form was just too impersonal.

We are going to try it again, though, using the format that the Monroe club uses. I'm also going to give it more billing on our website, and push it more at meetings and other gatherings.

The topics the Monroe club lists on their website are:

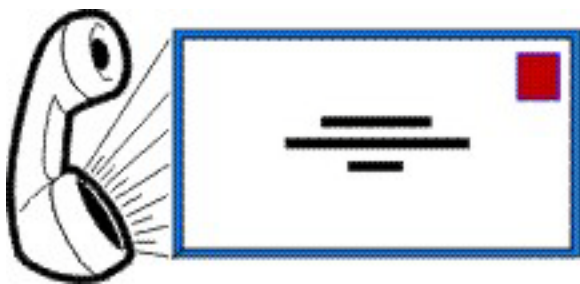
Antennas	Worked All States
Buying Your First	DX
Radio	FM
Code Practice	Homebrew
Computers	Testing
Packet	Public Service
County Hunting	Technical Q&A
DXCC Awards	Traffic
Rag Chewers Club	Tube Radios

I really do hope that this will be an important resource for our club. In the past year, we've helped quite a few folks get their licenses, and now we need to help them take advantage of that license and get the most out of the hobby. Elmering is the way to do that.

Does your club have an Elmer list? If so, does it have topics that I haven't thought of yet? How do you get newcomers to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of your Elmers? And, finally, what topics have you volunteered to be Elmer for? Let me know by e-mailing me at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

2009 ACS Net Control Assignments

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JULY	GEORGE	K6ITE
AUGUST	CRAIG	KF6QZP
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR



We Get Email

Hi Dave.

How are things with VOMARC? I'm curious how Field Day went for the club. Here in San Juan County, we had the ultimate QTH. At one time, it was a transmitter site for a radio navigation system used by ships transiting the Puget Sound. I've attached a photo of the San Juan County Amateur Radio Society (SJCARS) Field Day 2009.

73 to everyone in the Sonoma Valley! I miss the people, but not the heat. :o)



Steve KD6KVY/7

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benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.*

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST ST W, SONOMA AT 7:30PM
SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2009 Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Marty KI6RTP, 20829 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to:

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